



Dyers Company,
London.



At a Court of ASSISTANTS,

Holden for this Company on Tuesday the Eleventh day of May,
Anno 1686.

WHereas our present Sovereign Lord King *JAMES* the Second, by his Charter or Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *England*, bearing date the 19th day of *March* last, in the second year of his Reign, hath not only Re-granted and Confirmed to this Company their former Liberties, Powers, and Priviledges (except in certain Elections) but hath of his Royal Grace and Goodness, made and granted divers considerable Accessions and Additions thereto, for the Weal and Benefit of this Company, and of the Mystery of *DYERS*; by which, among other things, all Persons using and exercising the Art and Mystery of Dying, within the City of *London* and Suburbs thereof, and within Six Miles lying round the same, are Incorporated and brought into the Power, Rule, and Government of this Company, for the common Benefit of this Trade and Company. And his said Majesty declares it to be his Royal Pleasure, That every Person of the Trade of Dying, within the Limits aforesaid, do come and take up his Freedom of this Company, and become a Freeman, Brother, and Member thereof. And whereas the said Grants do tend to the great Benefit and Advantage of the Trade of Dying, the Prosperity and Advancement of which, this Court do conceive themselves obliged to further by all lawful means, to the intent that the several Persons concerned, may not by their ignorance of the Premises, be deprived of the common Benefit to them, and to the Art of Dying it self, within those Limits designed and intended by his said Majesties most gracious Grants: This Court doth order, That the following English Abstract of the said Grants, made from the Original Charter, be forthwith printed, and printed Copies thereof; and of this Order, speedily dispersed by the Beadle among all the Dyers within *London*, and the Suburbs, and Six Miles round.



The ABSTRACT mentioned in this ORDER.

J*AMES* the Second, by the grace of God King of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all, &c. Greeting. Whereas the Wardens and Commonalty of Freemen of the Mystery of *DYERS* of the City of *London*, have surrendered all their Powers, Priviledges, and Authorities of or concerning certain Elections, which Surrender We have accepted; Know ye therefore, That We of Our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, Have Willed, Ordained, Constituted, Declared and Granted, and for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do Will, Ordain, Constitute, Declare and Grant, That all Persons now exercising, and that shall hereafter exercise the Mystery of Dying in the City of *London* and Suburbs thereof, and in all other places whatsoever without the said City for Six Miles, lying next adjacent to and round the same City, henceforth for ever be, and shall be one Body Corporate and Politick, in Deed and in Name, by the name of the Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery of Dyers of the City of *London*. And by such Name, so to be, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, We truly and fully Erect, Make, Ordain, Constitute, and Declare, And that they have a perpetual Succession, and may at any time hereafter purchase, acquire, and possess Mannors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Priviledges, Jurisdiccions, Franchises and Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, and other things, of whatsoever nature, kind, or species. And because the Mystery or Art of Dying is of great Use, and bringeth much Advantage to Our Subjects of the Clothing Trade, and to Our whole Kingdom; and because the said Mystery or Art requires Skill and Experience, and is often abused by divers Frauds, to the great Damage of Our Subjects; We therefore, to prevent the same for the future, do Declare to all Our Subjects whatsoever, Our Royal Intention, That no Person whatsoever, hereafter do presume to exercise the said Mystery of Dying in Our City of *London*, or Suburbs thereof, nor in any other place whatsoever without the said City for Six Miles lying next adjacent to and round the same City, unless such Person be a Brother, and Member, and Freeman of the said Company and Mystery of Dyers. And moreover, We grant, That the Wardens and Assistants of the said Company of Dyers, have full Power and Authority of making and constituting Laws, Statutes, Ordinances, Decrees, Constitutions, and Orders, with such Fines and Penalties as they shall judge fitting for the good ordering and government of the Wardens and Commonalty of the said Mystery, and of all other Dyers, and all other Persons exercising and following the said Mystery of Dying within the said City of *London* and Suburbs thereof, and all other places for Six Miles round the same, for all Things or Causes whatsoever, touching or in anywise concerning the said Mystery: All which Laws, Orders, Ordinances, and Constitutions, We will shall be observed, under the Pains in them to be contained. And further, of Our abundant Grace, We grant to the said Company and their Successors for ever, That the Wardens, for the time being, have the Search and Government of all manner of Workmanship and Merchandizes belonging and appertaining to the said Mystery of Dying, wrought and to be wrought, within the Limits aforesaid; and the Defects by them found, to punish and correct according to the nature and quality of them: And that they have full Power for ever, to make and exercise a due Search of all and singular the Premises, and of all and singular Work and Workmanship touching or concerning the said Mystery of Dying, as well upon those that exercise the said Mystery of Dying, as also upon any others whatsoever, either Merchants or Workmen, and Artisans looking to making or working any thing belonging or relating to Dying, in all places within the aforesaid Limits; and to punish and chastise Offending Persons. And further, We strictly Charge and Command all Our Officers and Ministers of Justice within the Limits aforesaid, where such Search shall be made, That they be aiding and assisting in all things diligently to the said Wardens, making Search in pursuance and execution of this Our Grant. And further, of Our abundant Grace, We do grant and confirm to the Wardens and Commonalty of the said Mystery of Dyers, and their Successors, all and all manner of Liberties, Franchises, Exemptions, Customs, Priviledges, Profits, Immunities and Jurisdiccions, Mannours, Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels whatsoever, which they, or any for their use or in trust for them, have had, had, used and enjoyed, or ought to have had, held, used and enjoyed, or which they or any of their Predecessors, by whatever Name or Names, or by whatever Incorporation or pretence of Incorporation, or by whatever other way or means have had, held, used, or enjoyed, or might or ought to have had, held, used, or enjoyed, by reason or pretence of any Charters or Letters Patents by any of our Royal Progenitors or Predecessors late Kings or Queens of *England*, in any manner heretofore made, confirmed, or granted, or by whatever other legal Prescription, Use, Custom, or other legal Way, Right, or Title, heretofore had and used, although the same or any of them are or were forfeited or lost.

Small, Clerk.